

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA
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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. **VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO.** JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Tu & Th of each week.

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction (City of Newport News) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. Current eligible 22 jurisdictions (3 cities and 19 counties):

Richmond (City of)	Essex	Middlesex
Poquoson (City of)	Gloucester	Northampton
Newport News (City of)	Isle of Wight	Northumberland
Accomack	James City	Richmond
Caroline	King William	Surry
Charles City	Lancaster	Sussex
Dinwiddie	Mathews	Westmoreland
		York

On 10 Oct 2006 FEMA denied the following requested three jurisdictions for PA:

Hampton (City of)	New Kent	Southampton
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On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth formally requested the initiation of local-state-federal Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) for the following additional jurisdictions (2 cities and 4 counties):

Portsmouth (City of)	Greensville	King George
Suffolk (City of)	Lunenburg	King and Queen

PA thresholds were confirmed by PDA for the Counties of Greenville, King and Queen, and Lunenburg. FEMA was requested to add these jurisdictions to the PA Program.

On 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the non-approval of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties listed below) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. **On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth received from FEMA the denial of the IA appeal for:**

Richmond (City of)	Accomack	Gloucester
Hampton (City of)	Lancaster	Northumberland
Newport News (City of)	Mathews	Middlesex

The Governor will request a SBA disaster declaration for the following affected jurisdictions (3 cities and 2 counties). If the request is granted, contiguous jurisdictions to those named will be automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Richmond (City of)	Gloucester
Hampton (City of)	Northumberland
Newport News (City of)	

WEATHER

Six-day forecast (Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 12-17 Oct 2006): Today and tonight will be mostly sunny then partly cloudy, west then north winds 5-14 mph, with a daily high of 74 and a nightly low of 44. Friday will be partly cloudy then clear, 20% chance of rain before 3pm, variable winds 5-7 mph, with a high of 60 and a nightly low of 35. Saturday will be sunny and clear, west winds 5-11 mph, with a daily high of 66 and a nightly low of 38. Sunday will be mostly sunny and clear, with a daily high of 65 and a nightly low of 42. Monday will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers at night, with a daily high of 70 and a nightly low of 52. Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, with a daily high of 72 and a nightly low of 57.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 22 affected jurisdictions are represented by 34 legislators. **Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions.** JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A.Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. **PIO distributed a news release of the FEMA denial of the Commonwealth's IA appeal and is preparing a news release for the Commonwealth's planned request for a SBA declaration.** PIO conducted interviews with WRVA, Radio 1140 AM and WTVR-TV Channel 6 regarding the IA denial.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering: Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to 15 Oct 2006 by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery: **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

**Initial Damage
Assessment Reports:**

Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$51,412,415.98*/***
*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.		
**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.		
***Includes Public Service Authorities		
State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
Subtotal		\$1,861,019.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$53,273,435.53

**State Public Assistance
(PA) Briefings:**

Applicants' Briefings Conducted:

1. When: Thu, 5 Oct 2006
Where: Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond VA
Attendees: Total: 45 (FEMA-8, VDEM-6, City of Richmond-31)
2. When: Fri, 6 Oct 2006
Where: 4201 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA
Attendees: Total: 22 (FEMA-4, VDEM-5, Five Electric Coop Reps-13)
2. When: Wed, 11 Oct 2006
Where: Henrico County Training Center, Parham Rd, Richmond, VA
Attendees: Total: 48 (FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Eleven Jurisdictions-19, Other-6)

Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. When: Wed, 18 Oct 2006
Where: Accomack Northampton Elect Coop Bldg, Tasley, VA
Attendees: All Eastern Shore Applicants
2. When: Fri, 20 Oct 2006 (0930 hours)
Where: Richmond Region. Plan. District Commission (RRPDC) Bldg,
2104 Laburnum Ave, Suite 101, Richmond, VA
Attendees: All State Agency Applicants

Kick-off Meetings Conducted:

1. When: Wed, 10 Oct 2006
Where: Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond, VA
Attendees: Total: 39 (FEMA-5, VDEM-6, + City of Richmond-28)
2. When: Wed, 12 Oct 2006
Where: 21275 Cooperative Way, Pasley, VA
Attendees: Total: XX (FEMA-X, VDEM-X, + A&N Electric Cooperative-X)

Kick-off Meetings Scheduled:

1. When: Fri, 13 Oct 2006 (0900 hours)
Where: Recreation Ctr, 457 Main St, Warsaw, VA
Attendees: Five Counties: (Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, Essex, and Westmoreland)
2. When: Mon, 16 Oct 2006 (0900 hours)
Where: 877 General Poller Highway, Saluda, VA
Attendees: Middlesex County
3. When: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 (0900 hours)
Where: TBD, Gloucester, VA
Attendees: Gloucester County
4. When: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: 2400 Washington Ave, Newport News, VA
Attendees: Newport News (City of)
5. When: Tue, 17 Oct 2006 (1330 hours)
Where: 50 Brickbat Road, Mathews, VA
Attendees: Mathews County
6. When: Wed, 18 Oct 2006 (1400 hours)
Where: 101-F Mounts Bay Rd, Williamsburg, VA
Attendees: James City County

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| 7. | When: | Thu, 19 Oct 2006 (time-TBD) |
| | Where: | TBD |
| | Attendees: | Poquoson (City of) |
| 8. | When: | Tue, 19 Oct 2006 (time-TBD) |
| | Where: | TBD |
| | Attendees: | York County |
| 9. | When: | Fri, 20 Oct 2006 (time-TBD) |
| | Where: | TBD |
| | Attendees: | Isle of Wight County and Town of Smithfield |

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

Declared 21 jurisdictions:	Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Mon, 6 Nov 2006

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

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RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (32 total):

Lancaster County	A & N Electrical Cooperative
Mathews County	Rappahannock Electrical Cooperative
Middlesex County	Northern Neck Electric Cooperative
James City County	James City Service Authority
Northumberland County	Chincoteague (Town of)
Richmond County	Onancock (Town of)
Westmoreland County	Wachapreague (Town of)
York County	Smithfield (Town of)
Poquoson (City of)	Tappahannock (Town of)
Northampton County	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Melfa (Town of)	Virginia Dept of State Police
Richmond (City of)	Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation
Newport News (City of)	Virginia Dept of Corrections
Colonial Beach (Town of)	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
Kilmarnock (Town of)	Virginia Dept of General Services
Gloucester County	Virginia Dept of Mental Health

Public Assistance Training Courses Ongoing:

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| 1. | Course (E382): Public Assistance Operations-II |
| | When: 11-13 Oct 2006 |
| | Where: FEMA/VDEM JFO |
| | Attendees: PA officers/staff (21 students attending) |

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Administration Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by Michael Cline today and have been submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):

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| 1. | Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction |
| | When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec) |
| | Where: TBD |
| | Attendees: TBD |

2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
Where: TBD
Attendees: TBD
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HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:

1. When: Mon, 30 Oct 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: VDEM Trade Court Office, Richmond, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
2. When: Tue, 31 Oct 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Poquoson City Hall, Poquoson, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
3. When: Thu, 2 Nov 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Northern Neck Plan Dist Commission Office, Warsaw, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM
4. When: Tue, 7 Nov 2006 (1500 hours)
Where: Accomack Northampton PDC Office, Accomack, VA
Attendees: All affected jurisdictions by letter invitation from VDEM

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section became operational on 5 October 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

VDEM JFO / field staffing is 34 (Permanent Staff-5, Reservists-5, Contractor-24).

Administration Unit:

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) will continue to be on Tu&Th.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS

FEMA-1655-DR-VA:

RPA's were received/accepted from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations (19 total):

Alexandria, (City of)	Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.
Arlington County	Clifton (Town of)
Alleghany County	Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority
Clifton Forge (Town of)	Fairfax County Public Schools
Fairfax County	Virginia Dept of Transportation
Dickenson County	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
King George County	Virginia State Police
Vienna (Town of)	Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District
Herndon (Town of)	Bath County Public Service Authority
Galax (City of)	

As of COB, **11 October 2006**, a total of **189** (current estimated projection is 246) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

Obligated: \$2,368,881.00
Disbursed: \$ 257,098.93

October (6-9) Flooding:

On 9 October (1540 hrs) Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. Local Emergency declarations were made in the following 6 jurisdictions:

Surry County	Isle of Wight County
Sussex County	James City County
Southampton County	Franklin (City of)

The VDEM EOC is overseeing /coordinating Commonwealth response activities with affected localities. Initial damage reports received from the Counties of Isle of Wight, James City and Southampton and the Cities of Franklin and Poquoson indicate sufficient damage was inflicted by severe weather on 6-7 October 2006 to consider a formal request for a declaration of a major disaster.

Flood waters from the Blackwater River remain in most of the listed localities and it is expected that as homes and businesses are approved for re-entry over the coming weekend the figures will increase.

On 12 Oct 2006, the Commonwealth requested and FEMA concurred in the deployment of four local-state-federal PDA teams to inspect damage in the listed localities commencing Monday, 16 Oct 2006.

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